

A Fearless Exponent of Right and Justice.
An Uncompromising Defender of the Colored Race.
We fear only to do wrong.

THE TULSA STAR

Larger Circulation than all the combined Colored Weeklies in Oklahoma.

Read THE STAR and keep informed on all current issues.

Weekly Mail Edition

VOLUME X

TULSA, OKLAHOMA, SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 1920.

Number Thirty Three

Gov. Invokes Law Vs. Mobbists

Governor Robertson Writes to Star Editor

The Editor of the Star is in receipt of the following letter from Governor J. B. A. Robertson, the same being in response to a letter sent the Governor in which Mr. Smithman expressed his protest against the lynching of one Tom Owens, a young white man, and the sentiment "that there is no crime, however atrocious, that justifies mob violence." The letter follows:

State of Oklahoma, Executive Office, Oklahoma City.
Mr. A. J. Smithman
Care of Tulsa Star
Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Sir:
This is to acknowledge receipt of your valued favor of the 29th ult., concerning the recent lynching in Tulsa, and say that I appreciate your letter, and thank you for the interest manifested in the subject matter of the same.

The Attorney General is now in Tulsa, making an investigation, and you are required to furnish him with all available information on the subject which you may possess, or of which you may know of. It is only in this way we can accomplish anything.

Respectfully,
J. B. A. Robertson, Gov.
September 1st, 1920.

MOBS LYNCH WHITE BOY AT TULSA AND A COLORED AT OKLAHOMA CITY

Governor Robertson Aroused, offers Reward for Arrests of Violators in Both Instances

Sad to relate, Oklahoma shook hands with the American lynching state of Georgia last Saturday night at Tulsa and Sunday night at Oklahoma City by lynching of a white boy and a colored boy by mob violence.

In the Tulsa instance, the hanging of Roy Belton, a white boy, was a sequel of a long series of "high-jacking" in which many taxicab drivers had been held up, mistreated and their car taken away from them. Roy had been arrested charged with being one of a party of four which had held up Homer Nida, a taxicab driver, on the Sapulpa road, during which it is alleged that Belton struck Nida over the head with a revolver, and then shot him in the stomach, inflicting a wound from which he afterward died. Belton was held in the county jail on top floor of Court House, only accessible by an elevator, but owing to the Sheriff to take proper precautions his protection, the mob easily overpowered the Sheriff, seized Belton and carried him to the scene of Nida's murder, and hanged him. It is said that thousands participated in this affair, among them being both women and children.

In the Oklahoma City case, it appears that Claude Chandler, a colored boy and son of an alleged moonshiner, was lynched largely because of his color and further because he was caught in the wrong place at the wrong time. His father's residence, located some distance from Oklahoma City, had been raided by revenue and county officers in search of a moonshine distillery. The boy's father was arrested and left in charge of two officers. Shots were heard by an officer who had gone up stairs, and when he came down, the elder Chandler and the two officers in charge of him were found upon the floor dead. The boy was seized by another officer on the outside, as he was attempting to escape out of the doorway. As Tyler, deputy sheriff was up stairs, and the other officers on the outside there could be no living witness able to connect young Chandler with the killing of any one. He may have been merely trying to get out and away. He was taken away from the county jail by two or three

men, one of whom impersonating an officer with a prisoner, gained access. Only a few men participated in the lynching.

B. M. C. of G. U. O. O. F Meets in New York

NEW YORK—Official notification has been issued for the convening in this city on September 12th, 1920, of the Biennial Movable Committee of the Grand United Order of Odd Fellows of America. It is expected that over 1,000 delegates from all over the country will attend this meeting. Extensive preparations by local lodges and households are being made for the entertainment of the delegates and visitors.

FALLING PIECE OF TERRA COTTA KILLS HOD CARRIER

Falling from the tenth floor of the new Mayo building, under construction at Fifth and Boulder a piece of terra cotta struck Zack Clinton, colored hod carrier who was on the ground floor, on the top of the head yesterday morning and crushed his skull, killing him almost instantly.

The death missile fell from a wheel barrow load of the stuff which had just been lifted to the top floor by the elevator. The jolt caused in stopping the ascent of the elevator probably dislodged the piece of stone. The body was removed to the Jackson Undertaking Establishment.

Okmulgee Boosters Coming Here

Mr. J. R. Garrett of the Exchange Insurance Co., received information Friday from Mr. Scott of Okmulgee, representing the Business League of that city, and headed by Manager Simmington of the Elliott and Hooker Store, would be in Tulsa on Monday, September 6th, Labor Day, arriving in automobiles one o'clock. The party will bring a band with it. A meeting of Tulsa boosters was held Friday night at the Y. M. C. A., presided over by Mr. Garrett, and arrangements made for the proper reception of these commercial representatives.

Notice To Our Readers

The Tulsa Star is forced by unavoidable circumstances to appear in four pages this week. We lost our linotype operator, who left to engage in other business at Bighorn. It was impossible for us to get another operator until the end of the week, when through the courtesy of Manager Baughman of our contemporary, The Sun, we were loaned the service of Mr. L. Homer Kingston, who received linotype training at Tuskegee. The Star Star will have its own operator Monday in the person of Miss Gladys Beasley, who comes highly recommended by the Mosaic Guide people of Little Rock, Arkansas.

NATIONAL BAPTIST CONVENTION

Special Train with Tourist Accommodations Passes Through Tulsa Monday Evening

(Star News Service)
OKLAHOMA CITY, Sept. 3.—Bro. E. W. Perry, 511 East Third St., of this city announces arrangements have been made for special train leaving here Monday, September 6th, via the Frisco to carry delegates from Oklahoma to the National Baptist Convention to be held at Indianapolis, Ind., September 8-14. A chair car will be attached to train at this point, and a tourist sleeper at Tulsa. The rates for the round trip will be \$40.00, and for board at Indianapolis, \$2.00 per day. The train is scheduled to leave here at 1:45 Monday, reaching Tulsa at 6 Oklahoma are expected to join the party at Sapulpa. Unusual arrangements and attractions have been made the Indianapolis Baptists for p. m. The delegates from eastern the entertainment of all visitors.

Johnson's Back Is Up

JOHNSON TO BEARD GEORGIA LION IN HIS DEN

Threats of Georgia "Crackers" do not Faze G. O. P. Leader A. N. P.

CHICAGO, Ill., Sept. 3.—Ever since the expose of disfranchisement methods in the South, and particularly in Georgia, by Col. Henry Lincoln Johnson, before the Senate investigation committee, threats of many kinds, insinuations and innuendoes have been made against the well being and life of the Colonel. A representative of the Associated Negro Press took the matter up with him and sought to learn his feelings on the subject.

He said: "Do you wish a news story? Well you can tell the world that I am going to deliver an address on the Campus of Morris Brown College, Atlanta before the greatest throng of people ever assembled in Georgia. I am going to tell them the truth as I see it, and I will not be afraid. I am going to send invitation to every newspaper in Georgia, including the dailies, and I am going to invite the members of the Georgia Legislature, and all persons who have had anything to say about conditions in the South. I want them to be present and hear me."

The date of this event has not been announced. However, direct information from Atlanta, Col. Johnson's home is to the effect that the people of that city are all ready to honor their advocate and leader. They have raised a large fund for his proper entertainment, and when Col. Johnson arrives from the North, his feet will not be permitted to touch the ground, but he will be carried to a waiting automobile on the shoulders of admirers. Excursions will be run to Atlanta from all over the state.

It is learned on very excellent authority that there are large numbers of right thinking white people who agree with Col. Johnson and agree that he is right, and that he should be backed up in his efforts to stop the crime of lynching and to open the door of the voting booth to the people of his race.

OUR WOMEN HIT NAIL ON THE HEAD

Oklahoma Women's Federation Endorse Enforcement of the Laws

(Special to Tulsa Star)
LANGSTON, Okla., Sept. 3.—The Oklahoma Federation of Colored Women's Clubs, held its Tenth Annual session at Langston University August 25 and 26. The Federation of Clubs was well represented by some of the most influential ladies of the State, having in attendance 90 delegates all of whom voted unanimously to continue to contribute to the two State schools from their budget, in order to raise their standard to higher efficiency, they also voted with no opposition to contribute to the N. A. A. C. P., \$25.00 yearly for the enforcement of law and order to the descendants of the Hamitic division, of mankind. The delegates were also urged to work to their full capacity to do whatever good they can in the way of civic improvements and community work in their respective homes especially at a time when the chaotic state of affairs and efficiency so difficult to obtain. The Federation was indeed honored in being entertained by that great educator and fearless leader Pres. Marquess of Langston University and as a result of which the Federation was loud in their praises of his very generous hospitality. The meeting was supersaturated with harmony and mutual co-operation from beginning to end. The delegates seemed to have all been possessed of one mind which was to render service for the uplift and advancement of mankind. MRS. C. B. WAYNES.

NEITHER BOMBS NOR LYNCHING STOP US

Dynamite Meets Colored Family's Desire for Better Surroundings

KANSAS CITY, Aug. 30.—Police today were searching for the perpetrators of the second bomb outrage in three days by persons attempting to halt an invasion of white residential sections by colored people. A bomb set off in a house about to be occupied by a colored family, practically demolished the building early today and shattered windows over a radius of two blocks. A sign was found pasted on the front door later which read: "To colored people: Why try to come where you are not wanted."

ATTORNEY MONROE DEMANDS INVESTIGATION

Tulsa County's Talented Prosecutor Goes After the Law Violators

(Star News Service)

OKLAHOMA CITY, Aug. 31.—T. I. Munroe, Tulsa county attorney, reported the Tulsa lynching to Governor Robertson today, and asked aid of the state in the matter.

Mr. Munroe said that sentiment was so strong in Tulsa, an investigation would be highly unpopular. He said he arrived the jail 10 min., after the mob had taken Roy Belton away, and failed to see any evidence of preparations to defend the jail by armed deputies.

"Although I asked Sheriff James Woolley for an explanation of his actions, I have not yet had a satisfactory answer," he said.

Race Man for Congress

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Sept. 3.—The Republicans of the Seventeenth Ward elected Ernest Patillo, a Negro, ward committeeman last Saturday in the place of Frank M. Slater, a white man who had held the position for several years. It is rumored that the Farmer-Labor Party in the 12th District intend to nominate a Negro to oppose Congressman Dyer, the present member from the district.

U. N. I. A. WILL ELECT AFRICAN PRESIDENT

Garvey Imagines A Black Embassy Will be Recognized at National Capital

NEW YORK.—The Universal Negro Improvement Association of New York, of which Marcus Garvey is the "God's chosen" leader, in its sessions now in progress, proposes to select a president for an African Republic, yet to be established, and also an embassy of eight American Negroes, which is to be located at embassies from foreign countries. Quite a number of leading and well known colored men are mentioned as connected with Garvey's chimerical dream, among them Dr. Bundy of Illinois, W. M. Trotter of Massachusetts and John E. Bruce of New York.

SHRINERS AND KNIGHTS TEMPLAR MEETING

National Masonic Organization Hold Remarkably Interesting Convention

(Star News Service)
CINCINNATI, O., Sept. 4.—Over 5,000 Shriner and Knights Templar attended the national Masonic Convention held here last week. The parade held last Tuesday is considered the greatest and most imposing in the history of the order. Competitive drills between Arab Patrols and a grand ball at Cincinnati's famous Music Hall were notable features. Bishop Sampson Brooks of Baltimore preached a most impressive sermon before the Mystic Nobles. A relief fund for the benefit of the Shriner was established. Caesar R. Blake of Charlotte, N. C., Imperial Potentate presided over the sessions.

Giants Are To Discuss

RUSSELLISM VERSUS CHRISTIANISM

Tulsa to Enjoy Another Spectacular Debate at Convention Hall

Dr. H. T. S. Johnson of the M. E. Church has Accepted Hon. R. J. Hill's Challenge

The Star takes pleasure in announcing that Dr. H. T. S. Johnson, the well known and highly respected and beloved pastor of Wesley M. E. Church, has accepted the long standing challenge of the Hon. Richard J. Hill for debate, and it has been arranged to have such debate on topic: "Should the Russell Religion be substituted for the Christian Religion?" to take place at the Convention Hall on the night of September 28th, 1920. This debate owing to the eminent qualifications of the disputants will be an event long to be remembered by those who attend.

Bishop Jones Discusses League

A. N. P.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Sept. 3.—Bishop Robert E. Jones of New Orleans, in his final summing up of the work of the twenty-first annual meeting of the National Negro Business League, which was held in Philadelphia, from August 18 to August 21, said: "The twelve million Negroes of America have a deeper appreciation than they have ever had before of their value to the economic and social life of the Nation. Indeed, have a deeper appreciation of the fine men and women that the race has produced. American Negroes have today, a firmer faith that right makes might. We shall all work, contend and pray until the unchristian barriers are broken down. This has been the best session of the National Negro Business League."

GRADUATE OF THE UNIVERSITY OF ADVERSITY

Thus Styles Himself, Ross D. Brown, Eloquent Advocate of Socialism

(Star News Service)

OKLAHOMA CITY, Aug. 31.—Morris D. Brown of Munice, Ind., who has been making a speaking tour of various cities in the state in behalf of the Socialists completed his work at Enid today and has gone to New York. This eloquent man owing to failure in proper arrangements for meetings did not succeed as fully as his own merits and that of his cause warranted. But nonetheless he had a number of successful meetings which will bear fruit at least in awakening more liberal thought. Mr. Brown before leaving intimated that the Messrs. Owen and Garrison, editors of the two most fearlessly outspoken magazines in the country, the Messenger and the Liberator of New York City, are to come to Oklahoma during the present campaign in the interest of Socialism.

The Y. M. C. A. Lifts Mortgage

A. N. P.

CHARLESTON, S. C., Sept. 3.—The colored men's branch of the Y. M. C. A. has finished the payments on a \$6,000 mortgage on a double lot in Cannon Street. The association has been six years lifting the mortgage. It is expected that a building will be erected on the property in the near future.

New York Negroes Organize

BROOKLYN, N. Y., Sept. 3.—Colored Citizens of the Jamaica district have organized an association which they call the Frederick Douglass Civic and Political Club. C. E. Stovall is the president of the Club.

NO SUCH THING AS RACE SUPERIORITY

Dr. Moore, White, of Durham, N. C. Says Superiority Comes Only in Service to Mankind

RALEIGH, N. C., Aug. 31.—Because white America insists upon "damning everything black and elevating everything white," Dr. A. M. Moore of Durham told the State Board of Public Welfare recently that colored people are using every means to become white.

Men, he said, marry lighter women, bleach their skins, cross the color line and become amalgamated and lost in the white race.

There is no such thing as superiority of races, according to Dr. Moore, for superiority comes only thru service to mankind. Jim Crow cars were condemned as iniquitous and politicians scored for magnifying faults and minimizing virtues of colored people.

Captain of "Hell Fighters" Marries

NEW YORK.—Captain Charles Fillmore, formerly of Ohio, who attained distinction during the world war as captain of the 15th New Fighters, on account of their valor, was married recently to Miss Jessie S. Lee, a prominent businesswoman of Springfield, Ohio. The Captain holds a position as auditor of the N. Y. Income Tax Bureau.

NEW YORK.—The colored longshoremen and white longshoremen engaged in a race riot last week, during which two colored men were injured so badly that they had to be removed to the hospital. The trouble arose over the white longshoremen striking and demanding the discharge of the colored laborers on the river front. The colored men were outnumbered by the whites, but bravely defended themselves with rocks and staves until arrival of the police. An appeal is to be made for protection against the police, who strive to make it impossible for colored men to work on the river front.

Methodists Celebrate Election of Bishops

NEW YORK.—Bishops Matthew St. Clair and Robert Jones will be accorded a welcome and reception by the members of the St. Marks Methodist Episcopal church in October. It is understood that the M. E.'s all over the country are planning these receptions in honor of their elevation to the bishopry.

Baptist Hgira to Chicago

(A. N. P. Service)

CHICAGO, Ill., Sept. 3.—According to the reports of the local Interracial Housing Survey the Negro population of Chicago is close to the 150,000 mark. The report also state that the South Baptist Church membership has increased, during the past two years 14,000; the South Park Methodist from 125 to 1,455; Olivet Baptist from 4,453 to 8,430; St. Thomas Episcopal from 850 to 1,200; Grace Presbyterian 230 to 450; and St. Mark from 1,200 to 2,500.

Pastor Jumps on Garvey

A. N. P.

NEW YORK, N. Y., Sept. 3.—Marcus Garvey was heartily denounced by the Rev. E. Daniels, pastor of the St. Philip's P. E. Church last Sunday morning. Dr. Daniels charged Garvey with being guilty of the "white man's fallacy of thinking only of his own race, instead of the good of all mankind. Our task is to find honorable and peaceful ways of settling the differences between race and race."